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1. Effective 1 October 1952 a new frontier zone three kilometers wide was established north of Decin-Podmokly (N51/F56) along the East German frontier. Notices reading "Frontier area - access forbidden" were erected during the second half of October 1952. Both Decin and Podmokly are outside the forbidden area.
2. A large number of Border Guard (PS) troops wearing green shoulder tabs arrived in the area during October 1952. 3,000 PS troops will be stationed in the area. Some of the guards and their families have already been billeted in Decin and Podmokly, in houses and apartments of people who were moved inland because their presence was not considered essential (pensioners, etc.). A number of families have also been moved further inland from the newly established frontier zone.
3. Access to the three-kilometer zone for non-residents is allowed for essential business only by special passes issued by the District National Committee of the applicant's place of residence. Persons caught in the zone without this pass are brought to headquarters in Decin for questioning.

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